

# Open House Meeting for Property Owners



Fort Atkinson  
to  
Johnson Creek

Jefferson County  
Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Southwest Region – Madison Office



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# OPEN HOUSE MEETING FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Project I.D. 1390-04-01  
Jefferson Bypass  
STH 26  
Jefferson County

Project I.D. 1390-04-05  
Jefferson – Johnson Creek  
STH 26  
Jefferson County

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 2 to 8 p.m.**  
**UW - Extension**  
**Jefferson County Office**  
**864 Collins Road**  
**Jefferson, Wisconsin**

Welcome to the first property owner open house meeting for the WIS 26 project in Jefferson County. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an informal opportunity for affected property owners to meet individually with the design engineers and real estate staff from the Department of Transportation and Earth Tech. This meeting will primarily focus on the portion of the project between US 18 and the Rock River because this will be the first segment of highway right of way to be acquired. However, information for all property owners along the entire Jefferson bypass is available today.

This handout and the exhibits on display were prepared to help familiarize you with project details. We encourage you to view the exhibits and talk with the staff.

There will not be a formal presentation today.

A "comment form" is attached to this handout for your convenience, and may be returned to the registration table or returned by mail as noted on the form. We ask that all comments be returned by Friday, April 28, 2006.

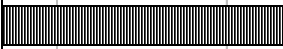

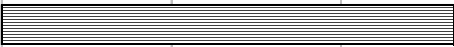

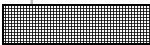




## PROJECT SUMMARY

This 9.5 mile project on WIS 26 will start at the north interchange of the Fort Atkinson bypass. Between Fort Atkinson and Jefferson, the new four-lane roadway will be located just west of the Union Pacific Railroad. Once past the airport, the route heads off on a near west bypass of Jefferson, crossing US 18 about 1,100 feet west of the Crawfish River and rejoining existing WIS 26 north of Jefferson near Junction Road. Between Jefferson and Johnson Creek, the additional two lanes will be constructed along existing WIS 26.

Three interchanges will be constructed, one on the south side of Jefferson, one at US 18, and one on the north side of Jefferson. Bridges will be constructed at County W, County J and Jahn Road to provide through travel over WIS 26. Bridges will be constructed at Popp Road and County N to provide through travel under WIS 26.

No private driveways will be permitted on the freeway section west of Jefferson. Only a limited number of side road and private drives will be allowed to remain open on the section between Jefferson and Johnson Creek. Some intersections will be closed for safety reasons. Frontage roads are being considered on both sides of WIS 26 between Jahn Road and Jefferson Road to accommodate private driveway access.

### *Proposed Time Schedule.*

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ACTIVITY							
Preliminary Design and Right of Way Plat							
Real Estate Acquisition							
Final Design and Construction Plans							
Construction							
Open to Traffic							
Public Information Meetings							

The Preliminary Design and Right of Way Plat preparation is currently underway and is expected to be done by May 2007. Four right of way plats will be prepared during the next 12 months. The first one covers those properties between US 18 and the Rock River and is available at this meeting. The second one covers those properties between the north Fort Atkinson interchange and US 18 and is scheduled to be finished in the fall of this year. The third one is for those properties between the Rock River and Jahn Road. The final plat covers all properties between Jahn Road and County Y in Johnson Creek. We will hold two more meetings, such as this one, to coincide with the completion of the next three plats.

The Real Estate Acquisition is scheduled to begin in July 2006 and will continue until February 2009. Wisconsin law defines how the Department acquires property necessary for improvement projects. The pamphlet "Real Estate Acquisition Process" explains this procedure, and is available today, along with staff to talk to you about the procedures.

The Final Design and Construction Plans preparation is planned to begin in January 2007 and will continue until August 2009. This project will be publicly bid to contractors. There are four planned bid lettings for the various elements of construction.

Construction will start during the fall of 2008 beginning with the bridges over the Crawfish River and the Rock River. The roadway and interchange work will happen over a three year period beginning in 2009 and continue until 2011. The bypass is expected to be Open to Traffic in the fall of 2010.

There are three more Public Information Meetings planned. One is expected to be held later this year, one in 2008 and one in 2009.

## PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout or presented here today, please contact one of the individuals listed below. If you would like your name added to the mailing list, please contact Mark Birrenkott at the address below.

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# COMMENT FORM

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You may leave the completed form at the registration table, or complete it later and return by Friday, April 28, 2006. This form may be used as a mailer by folding it along the lines as shown on the reverse side and taping closed.

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